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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, SP

SUBJECT: USE OF TORREJON AFB IN SUPPORT OF NIMBUS STAR

1. MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL AND MATERIEL IN SUPPORT OF SUEZ CANAL MINE CLEARING (NIMBUS STAR) HAS COMMENCED. OPERATION AS PRESENTLY CONCEIVED WILL REQUIRE USE OF MILITARY BASE IN SPAIN FOR REFUELING OF CONUS-BASED TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT.

2. REQUEST YOU CONTACT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO INFORM GOS OF OUR PLANS FOR USE OF TORREJON BY USAF TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT SUPPORTING SUEZ MINE CLEARING OPERATION.

3. YOU MAY ADVISE GOS CONTACTS THAT CURRENT DOD PLANS
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ENVISION APPROXIMATELY 14 SORTIES DURING EARLY PHASES

OF OPERATION. WE ESTIMATE 11 C-5S AND 2 C-141S DURING
FIRST FIVE DAYS, AND ONE C-141 APPROXIMATELY EIGHT DAYS
AFTER OPERATION COMMENCES. ADDITIONAL SORTIES MAY PROVE
NECESSARY. FIRST C-5 FLIGHT SCHEDULED TRANSIT TORREJON
12 APRIL 1900Z.

4. PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE. IF ASKED, YOU MAY CONFIRM
THE USE OF TORREJON FOR REFUELING BY U.S. AIRCRAFT
INVOLVED IN SUEZ MINE-CLEARING. KISSINGER

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